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1. Captain Jorge Osinde, Chief of the Coordinacion Federal of the Argentine Federal Police, has ordered his agents to report the activities of all Communists throughout Argentina as well as the activities of any person suspected of working against President Peron. Osinde's section is expected to receive additional funds and personnel in the near future. Approximately 10 million pesos will be spent by the government in order to supply the Federal Police with guns, radios, technical equipment, and the like. This expenditure has been the subject of lengthy discussions between Osinde and Chief of Police Arturo Bertollo, and between Bertollo and Peron and Minister of Interior Angel G. Borlenghi.
2. The Federal Police is also concerned with the arms and sabotage plans of the Argentine Communists. The police believe a great deal of contraband of small and heavy arms is being carried on between Uruguay and Argentina and between Argentina and Brazil by Communist elements.
3. Throughout Argentina the police have recently prohibited certain Communist Party meetings and have made numerous arrests. As an indication of the policy adopted by Argentine authorities toward the Party, source submitted the following examples of police tactics in Buenos Aires Province in recent weeks:

- a. Prohibition of meetings for various reasons or no reason, listed by number and locality:

Avellaneda - 5
Bahia Blanca - 1
Chivilcoy - 1
Junin - 1
Lanus - 4
La Plata - 1
Quilmes - 5
Zarate - 1

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b. Raids and arrests, by locality:

Avellaneda - four members arrested in the raid of a CPA site.

Berriso and La Plata - six members arrested in a raid on Communist headquarters in La Plata.

Mar del Plata - two workers arrested.

Ramos Mejia, Caseros, and Ciudadela - nineteen telephone workers, including ten women, arrested and tortured.

San Martin - CPA headquarters in San Martin raided on several occasions by unknown individuals. On no occasion did the police arrest the culprits.

San Fernando - CPA site raided by unknown individuals on two occasions. The police arrested and tortured a CPA member only.

c. Indifference toward anti-Communist crimes:

On 10 February 1949 a Party member was killed by unknown assailants while distributing Communist propaganda in the streets. Although it might have been possible for police to determine and apprehend the culprits, no arrests have been made and the witnesses of the incident have been silenced.

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Comment. Although no formulated, promulgated plan of attack against Communists in Argentina has been made known by the Argentine government, it is evident that the Argentine authorities have embarked on a course which appears designed to strangle the Communist Party of Argentina.

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